



Bioenergy aims to host small-scale hydro auctions - Brazil  
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Small-scale hydroelectric plants in Brazil could sell power at private auctions by late 2007 or early 2008, Sérgio Marques, VP of Brazilian wind power association (Abee) and president of renewable power company Bioenergy, told BNamericas.

Bioenergy would host the auctions and a private-sector bank provide financial guarantees for power suppliers, he said.

"Bioenergy wants to create a compelling alternative to power users who could potentially migrate to the non-regulated market," Marques said.

The auctions, which could take place once a year, would be perfect for energy-intensive market segments such as supermarkets, banks and shopping malls, Marques said.

"The non-regulated market accounts for 25% of all energy sold in Brazil. With our proposal, this share could rise," Marques said.

"We will have a very fragmented set of power buyers with different backgrounds and different needs united by a single power sale agreement, which will be guaranteed by a bank," Marques said.

Bioenergy's proposal is to establish a single contract for all companies with the same expiration date. For example, a 70MW plant could sell power to 100-120 buyers in a single contract, he said.

"Banks would manage the whole buying and selling process, finance energy sales contracts and assess the rating of each buyer, among other tasks," Marques said.

Bioenergy owns small-scale hydro plants with 222MW of total installed capacity.

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